

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

CROUGH, William J

Date of birth

21 July 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Yonkers, Westchester County, New York

Hometown

Yonkers, Westchester County, New York

Military service

Service number

10600066

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

19 August 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	12	52

Immediate family

Members

William J. Crough (father)

Mary A. Crough (mother)

Majorie Crough (sister)

Jean Crough (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29807

Data

Type: B17F

Nickname: Lady Liberty

Destination: Vlissingen, The Netherlands

Mission: Bombing of the airfield

MACR: 304

More information

Sgt William J. Crough volunteered for the Army of the United States on 29 June 1942.

The 'Lady Liberty' s/n 42-29807 was originally assigned to the 334th Bomber Squadron, 95th Bomber Group, Heavy and named 'Patsy Ann III'.

The airplane was hit by flak that caused it to break the fuselage in two just behind the radio room.

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed.

It is supposed that Sgt Crough was killed instantly by the flak burst.

Sgt Crough's body was recovered on 20 August 1943 from the 'Buitenhaven' of Vlissingen and buried as an unknown airman at the Noorder Begraafplaats.

Photos



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